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SENATE MEMORIAL 12

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION  
INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT A BILL TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF THE  
RIGHT TO RIDE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

WHEREAS, there have been several "right to ride" bills  
introduced in congress over the last few years; and

WHEREAS, the bills sought to preserve the use of saddle  
and pack animals on public lands on which there is an  
historical tradition of the use of saddle and pack animals; and

WHEREAS, the bills also sought to preserve access to  
historical and traditional trails, routes and areas on public  
lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments and other  
specifically designated areas administered by the national park  
service, the bureau of land management, the United States fish  
and wildlife service or the forest service, where there is an

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1 historical tradition of use of saddle and pack animals; and

2 WHEREAS, the right to ride horses on public lands has  
3 become severely restricted in recent years; and

4 WHEREAS, it is vitally important to preserve America's  
5 history through the preservation and use of historical trails  
6 and routes that have been used for centuries by riders and pack  
7 animals all over the country, from the earliest Native  
8 Americans through the pilgrims in the east and mountain men and  
9 pioneers in the west to modern-day hikers, history buffs and  
10 riders; and

11 WHEREAS, congress needs to act to ensure that Americans  
12 who choose to enjoy public lands on horseback or by using pack  
13 animals should be free to do so;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
15 OF NEW MEXICO that members of the congressional delegation be  
16 requested to introduce and support right-to-ride legislation to  
17 ensure use of and access to historical and traditional travel  
18 methods and trails and routes on public lands; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional  
21 delegation.

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